

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the doors on the apertures must be shown or the features(s) canceled from the claim(s).

Appropriate changes have been made with the foregoing amendments.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,038,128 (hereinafter "Hood") in view of U.S. Patent 6,571,340 (hereinafter "Lee").

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). (Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) ¶ 2143.03).

Independent claims 1, 6, and 11 of the present application include limitations not disclosed or taught by Hood or Lee. As a result, claims 1, 6, and 11 are patentable over Hood in view of Lee.

In particular, applicant's claims, as amended, include the limitation, or a limitation similar there to, of:

a set of apertures on a top surface of the docking station to align with a set of apertures on a bottom surface of a computer system, exclusive of a duct extending into the apertures of the computer system . . . (emphasis added) (Applicant's claim 1 as amended).

Hood, however, does not disclose nor suggest the limitations as claimed by applicant. In particular, Hood does not disclose the claimed limitation of a set of apertures on a top surface of the docking station to align with a set of apertures on a bottom surface of a computer system, exclusive of a duct extending into the apertures of the computer system. Rather, Hood, clearly teaches away from the claimed invention by disclosing:

A duct 44 extends from the cold side 42b of the cooling device 42, through aligned openings in the chassis of the cooling device and the chassis of the docking device 40, and projects slightly outwardly from the latter chassis. The duct 44 transfers cool air from the cold side 42b of the cooling device to the computer 10 in a manner to be described. (Hood, col. 3, lines 19-25.)

Therefore, in view of applicant's independent claims including limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by Hood or Lee., applicant's independent claims are patentable over Hood in view of Lee.

In addition, the remaining claims depend from one of the independent claims as discussed above, and therefore include similar limitations, and as a result are also patentable over Jacobs, et al.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

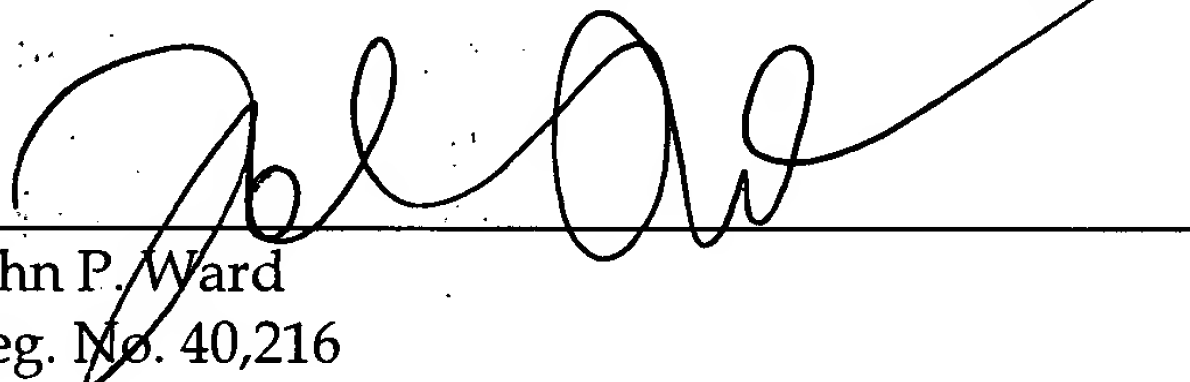
Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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